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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: *Li et al.*

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For: **METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION, SEPARATION AND QUANTITATIVE  
MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS**

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**AMENDMENT D**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated September 30, 2004, having a term that expired on December 30, 2004. A three (3)-month extension of the time for response up to and including March 30, 2005 was obtained and a Notice of Appeal was filed on March 30, 2005. A further one (1)-month extension of the time for filing an Appeal Brief or Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is hereby made. Please charge the \$120.00 extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. **50-0426**.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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